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Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers (R-25)

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Speaker Bowers Applauds Passage of Drought Contingency Plan

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers (R-25) today applauded passage of the joint resolution authorizing the director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources to sign the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan, as well as legislation implementing the Drought Contingency Plan in a way that's fair and satisfactory to water users in Arizona.

"Today's passage of the Drought Contingency Plan is the result of years of negotiation and collaboration," said Speaker Bowers. **"Nobody got everything they wanted, but our state will be in a much stronger position moving forward. I'm grateful to my colleagues, Governor Ducey, and other stakeholders for setting aside partisan differences and parochial interests to reach a compromise on this deal."**

"While agreeing to the Drought Contingency Plan is a major achievement, it does not end our work. As long as this drought persists, Arizona is going to have to confront escalating challenges to our water security. However, with the groundwork laid by the Drought Contingency Plan, I'm optimistic that our state can and will overcome these challenges and continue to thrive."

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